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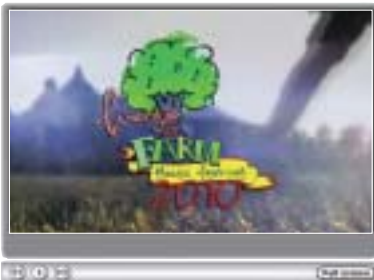
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DRIVEN TO CELEBRATE

Classic cars and bikes from bygone eras crowded Tankerton Slopes on Saturday. More than 160 vehicles drove in to take part in Whitstable's annual classic car and bike show accompanied by the nostalgic strains of singer Kas with Second World War-era songs.
There was also music from the Cahoonees, stalls, Pip the Clown, fun and games. The event was then followed by the Whitstable Carnival at 5pm.

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A DRIVER who threatened a man with a hammer whilst outside a primary school was sentenced on Monday.

Zak Louka, 20, was told to carry out 150 hours unpaid work after a road rage attack in which he brandished the weapon next to Blean Primary School as children were arriving at school for the last day of term.

Canterbury magistrates court heard that, at 8.30am on Friday, July 23, Zak Louka and Dean Clarkson were driving along the Whitstable Road in a Peugeot 206 when they overtook and then swerved in front of a car belonging to Keith Kember.

Teresa Ruiz, prosecuting, said the pair were trying to overtake several cars and Mr Kember considered the manoeuvre dangerous and motioned them to the side of the road near Blean Primary to discuss what had happened.

She said Louka and Mr Clarkson got out of their car. Louka, who lives in Whitstable, brandished a hammer at Mr Kember and said: "Come on then, I'll put this f***ing hammer around your f***ing head."

Mr Kember said: "You're an idiot, what do you think you're doing pulling a stunt like that?"

Louka said he didn't care and repeated his threat to hit Mr Kember about the head with the hammer. Louka then took his top off and said: "Come on then, I'll f***ing fight you", said the prosecution.

They said all this took place outside the primary school and Mr Kember tried to point this

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We all collect up too many sad memories

Chief Inspector Steve Barlow of East Kent Police contemplates a tragedy

SINCE my last column I have been fortunate enough to have two weeks holiday.

Mrs Barlow has recently had a milestone birthday, I daren't tell you which one, but we celebrated with a trip to the Canadian Rocky Mountains. It was a most enjoyable break amidst some of the most staggering scenery I have ever seen.

As much as I love my job, returning to work can be a challenge. It is all too easy to think of things that one would rather be doing.

This time was very different. The first thing I became aware of was that two of my colleagues, Dave and Jackie Brenchley, had lost their 16-year-old son Tom, in tragic circumstances. The atmosphere at Canterbury police station has been subdued. All of us have in some way shared their grief.

I believe there is a perception amongst the public that police officers and our colleagues in the other emergency services somehow become hardened to the tragedies and horrific incidents we have to deal with on a regular basis. In my experience this is not true.

There is no doubt that we do quickly learn to deal professionally with a wide variety of circumstances which most members of the public would hopefully never see in their lifetime. It is only right that this is the case, after all it is a duty we are paid to perform.

However once the immediate issues have been dealt with it is only natural to consider the human element beneath. For example I have seen so many lives wasted by drugs that end in an overdose in



BARLOW'S BEAT

squalid surroundings but can't help but consider that they were someone's son or daughter and wonder how it all went so wrong.

Unfortunately I have a collection of memories filed away in the back of my mind that return now and then. The most disturbing usually involve children and young people. It is no surprise that as a parent these incidents have the most impact. Whilst we rarely speak about such matters I know many of my colleagues have a similar collection.

Until next time, please take care and be safe.



SAD GOODBYE: Tom Brenchley

Mourners join together for final goodbye to Tom

HUNDREDS of people attended the funeral of a 16-year-old Tom Brenchley who was killed on the Thanet Way last week.

Family, friends and classmates packed St Michael's Church in Hernhill and the village green to pay their respects to the popular youngster.

Electronic speakers were put up outside the church for mourners who could not fit inside to say goodbye to the 'accomplished sportsman who had an infectious smile'.

Tom died after the Yamaha moped he was riding collided with a Volvo on the London-bound carriageway near Dargate on Tuesday, August 3.

The Archbishops pupil, who was a member of the football team Herons, had taken his GCSE exams and was hoping to pursue a career in carpentry.

Tom was taken to Kings College Hospital in London where he died of serious head injuries.

The keen sportsman leaves behind mum Jackie, dad David and 18-year-old brother Chris.

More than a thousand people have joined tribute pages on the social networking site Facebook.

Tom's dad, David, said: "We would like to thank all of those who contacted us and sent cards.

"Their thoughts mean so much to us and it has helped to know how popular Tom was and that he was loved by so many people."

A 48-year-old man from Whitstable has been arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving.

He was released on bail until November 19.

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Defendant admits to threats

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out to the 20-year-old, but had to resort to calling the police.

By this time Mr Louka and Mr Clarkson, 21, from Whitstable, had sped off 'erratically'.

Later that day two police officers spotted the car on the Whitstable Road whilst driving to an accident and found Mr Clarkson had been driving the car with no insurance. The police also found the hammer and a wheel-brace.

After being arrested Mr Louka quickly admitted guilt. He said: "I overtook someone, I was shouting and swearing, I took my top off, I

admit it. I started it."

Lucy Welsh, defending, said the pair had been driving to help Mr Clarkson's sister who had a flat tyre and was late for work.

She said: "Mr Louka does accept full responsibility for what happened. He did overtake in what he considered to be a perfectly safe manoeuvre and then the complainant drove up very close behind him."

She argued Mr Louka had misconstrued the situation because he had been the victim of a serious assault in the past and assumed Mr Kember was about to "have a go at him."

Chairman of the Bench Neil Hubbard described the attack as road rage and on top of Louka's community service, gave the pair six penalty points on their licences.

Louka also received a £180 fine, and was ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Dean Clarkson has pleaded not guilty to having threatened Mr Kember with a Stanley knife and a wheel-brace and will undergo trial for this separately.

Clarkson pleaded guilty to driving without insurance and was fined £180, and ordered to pay £35 costs with a £15 victim surcharge.

Downs beach hut plan scuppered by report

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

VICTORY is in sight for Herne Bay's Save Our Downs group after a long fight to stop beach huts being built on the land.

The controversial idea to sell off part of the Herne Bay Downs to beach hut developers may be scrapped at a meeting of the council executive on Thursday.

It will meet to discuss a new engineering report which says beach huts could not be built, as well as new ideas by council officials to work with the Save Our Downs campaign group to make the area's environment better for the community.

Herne Bay councillor and executive member Peter Lee said: "The report before the executive says we should abandon the scheme of beach huts in that area and, having clear advice from the engineers, that is what we will do.

"I will be highly surprised if, on Thursday, the executive does not abandon the scheme.

"This was never a council scheme. The council was trying to balance the need of people to have beach huts in the area with the need for residents to get to the open space."

Townsperson under the name of the Save Our Downs group had been campaigning against the idea and had put in a town green application to block the council selling any of it off for beach huts.

Canterbury council has set aside £14,000 to help make the most of the downs with the help of the campaign group. This work will start in



PLAN IN DOUBT: The area of Herne Bay Downs which had been earmarked for beach huts is an active landslip area

the autumn if the executive passes the motion. Kent County Council will decide on this in early autumn, so Canterbury council commissioned engineering reports to see whether the scheme was viable.

A council spokesman said: "The proposed site for the huts near Beacon Hill is within an active landslip area, and underneath the natural grassy slope is a full engineering scheme designed to prevent a landslide. Construction of the huts would prevent monitoring and maintenance of the stabilisation works."

Phil Rose, co-ordinator of the Save Our Downs campaign, said: "The campaign team is

crossing its fingers that the council makes the right decision on Thursday.

"Once the Downs are whole again, and the threat to their future as a public open space has gone, the community can start working with the council to shape a secure future for this land. We all recognise how important the Downs is to Herne Bay, not just as part of the sea defences, but as a well-loved and much-used natural breathing space for the whole town."

The final decision will be made at a public meeting in the Guildhall in Canterbury at 6.30pm on Thursday, August 12.



RNLI on the double

LIFEBOATS rescued two angling dinghies that had broken down separately in one morning.

The first 17ft vessel broke down in Mouse Channel, 10 nautical miles from Herne Bay, and was rescued at about 11am on Tuesday, August 3.

No sooner had Whitstable RNLI towed them back to Herne Bay than the crew launched again to another 17ft casualty with engine failure off Reculver.

Both craft were met and assisted by Herne Bay Coastguard.

Wheelie bin fires

TWO arson attacks in the same road in Herne Bay have been reported to police.

Herne Bay firefighters told police about two wheelie bin fires in the town. The bins were set alight at the same time on two consecutive days.

The crew was called to a burning bin in St Andrew's Close, Herne Bay, just after 6pm on Wednesday, August 4.

They were called to the same road at the same time the next day when another bin was set alight.

Plea to witnesses

AN assault outside McDonalds in Canterbury left a man needing hospital treatment for a cut to the head.

The 26-year-old does not remember exactly what happened when he was hurt between 8pm and 10pm on Monday, July 12.

Anyone who saw the assault is urged to call the police on 01622 690690.

Thief traced by gas card

AN osteoporosis sufferer who stole £450 from Asda was traced when he paid a gas bill in the same shop.

On Monday a court heard that early on Wednesday, July 7, Neil Roberts stole the cash from a trolley used to collect money from tills in the Canterbury store.

CCTV then tracked him as he paid £10 on to a pre-pay gas card, which enabled the store to trace him.

By the time he appeared in court, Roberts had spent all the money 'treating himself', including buying trainers which he said helped his medical condition as one leg is shorter than the other following a broken hip.

He said: "It was just stupid, I couldn't resist it. I have osteoporosis, and the only enjoyment I am getting out of my life at the moment is walking my dogs. It was just there, I have no excuses."

Chairman of the bench Neil Hubbard told Roberts to repay the money, plus £85 costs.

He said: "We understand that pushing money around a store provides someone such as you with an opportunity.

"If you take another opportunity you will not be dealt with so well. This is not leniency - this is taking into account your medical condition."

Boris Island a serious option, says Johnson

Proposals for 'Boris Island' need to be looked at "seriously", according to the London mayor - whose latest comments have started a new bout of Tory in-fighting.

The capital's leader, Boris Johnson, wants to see a huge airport on a purpose-built island in the Thames estuary - a plan that has generated huge opposition from his Tory Party colleagues in Kent.

Now Mr Johnson, in an article written for the Daily Telegraph newspaper on the scheme dubbed Boris Island, says the airport is vital to take traffic from Heathrow, which is starting to groan under the pressure of ever-more flights.

After getting stuck in Istanbul because of problems at Heathrow with a faulty air traffic control aerial, Mr Johnson wrote: "Heathrow was the problem because Heathrow is a doomed daily attempt to pour a quart into a pint pot, and with our hub international airport already running at 99 per cent capacity, we need a radical solution."

He rules out a third runway in west London as "environmental barbarism".

Mr Johnson said demand for flight will continue to boom, and wrote: "It is obvious the current policy of no

new runways anywhere in the South East is utterly ridiculous.

"Of course, the good people of Sussex will object to a new runway at Gatwick, and the same points will doubtless be made against any expansion of Luton, Stansted or any other terrestrial location in the vicinity of London.

"That is why some people are arguing for a clean, green 24-hour hub airport that could be built in the Thames estuary, far from human habitation, with no more threat to bird life than there is at Heathrow.

"I don't know if they are correct, but we are surely right to look at it seriously.

"Look at the potential for growth at Schiphol [Amsterdam], Paris, Frankfurt, all with more runways than Heathrow.

"And even if the Government was so mad and bad as to break its word and build a third runway at Heathrow, that would not be enough.

"We cannot, to coin a phrase, go on like this. It is time for vision."

Boris Island has been opposed by Medway Council and Kent County Council, and several of the county's Tory MPs signed an Early Day Motion criticising it as "ill-conceived".

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Charities baffled and alarmed by summer rise in homelessness

■ BY FLORENCE TENNENT

HOMELESSNESS is steadily rising in Canterbury, according to the latest statistics from beleaguered charities.

Catching Lives has reported record attendance at its day centre, with more people than ever sleeping rough in and around the city.

Ewan Flack, service manager and former Scrine Foundation member, said: "I've never seen this much need during this time of year – it's unprecedented. It goes against the norm. We usually see numbers fall during the summer months."

Fifty-one individuals visited the centre in the week beginning Monday, July 26, with at least 23 of those sleeping outside on the streets and in tents.

Usage has been steadily increasing. At the beginning of January they had only 21 visitors, six of whom were sleeping rough.

Porchlight, a Kent-based homeless charity, has seen a similar trend.

Mike Barrett, chief executive, said: "There has been a steady increase in people needing our support over the past year. Our accommodation-based services in Canterbury and across Kent remain oversubscribed."

"In light of the financial situation we expect to see a further increase in demand over the coming months and years."

Porchlight is supporting 19 individuals in the area but has another 15 on a waiting list for temporary accommodation. Across Kent it has received 16 per cent more referrals than last year and more than 200 more people have accessed the outreach service.

Causes for the rise are hard to pinpoint as the reasons behind homelessness vary. Some people are fleeing abuse, while others struggle with mental health problems and addiction. Mr Flack has seen former professors, convicts and servicemen all seeking help.

Terry Gore, deputy service manager, said: "The system isn't geared towards the individual. Support is prescriptive rather than per-



Picture: JENNY ARMSTRONG

RESPITE: Record numbers of homeless people are using the Catching Lives day centre

son-centred. There isn't enough support for the most damaged members of our society, for whom generic care isn't enough."

Both charities speak of the "revolving door syndrome" where people move in and out of supported accommodation, without moving on.

Mr Flack said: "I believe the council is doing everything it can. It's just a matter of funding. With tighter budgets it has to be careful with money and focus more on the prevention of homelessness in the first place."

In November, last year, Catching Lives downgraded from a night shelter to a day centre as council funding was transferred to Porchlight. The move has left the charity in a precarious position.

Mr Flack said: "We have enough capital remaining to stay open for another 22 months but we need long-term funding."

"We offer a vital service and if it comes to the point where we have to close our doors, no one else will step in. I don't want to scaremonger, but you will see deaths on the streets."

Livvy and let live with Domus books

TWO new books have been published to raise money for homeless people in Canterbury.

The Guttersnipe Journals is the true story of a young man who slept rough on the city's streets for three years; while A Difficult Age tackles middle-aged disillusionment with the apathy of today.

The Domus Project, brainchild of 14-year-old Livvy Parsons, launched the books to raise money for the Catching Lives homeless support charity.

Her mother, Fifi Stead, said: "Every penny from the sales goes to charity as the printing and binding costs were covered by a donation."

City MP Julian Brazier attended the official launch at St Mary Bredin hall, donating a sleeping bag. In her speech, Livvy said: "If next year we find out that even one less person has died, we can all know that we have helped."

Both books are on sale at The Book Palace, Catching Lives' charity shop in Palace Street, Canterbury.



IN THE BAG: Julian Brazier with Livvy Parsons

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Car 'cat' crooks on prowl

VALUABLE catalytic converters are falling prey to an audacious gang of thieves.

The crooks have taken the exhaust system component from seven 4x4s and people carriers during daylight hours. On Monday, August 2, a converter was stolen from a Fiat Scudo between noon and 1.35pm while it was parked at Kingsmead leisure centre, Canterbury. In Ashford Road, Chartham, two cars were targeted between 8am and 2.30pm.

Insp Terry Chuter said: "I ask people to contact us immediately if they are suspicious of anyone working on vehicles in car parks."

Wartime mortar blasted

A WORLD War Two mortar bomb was found at Bishopstone Glen, near Herne Bay.

Coastguards were alerted at 9.45am on Wednesday, last week, and identified the corroded device as a two-inch wartime mortar shell, probably left over from Army training in the area.

Police set up an exclusion zone and a Royal Navy unit from Portsmouth carried out a controlled explosion on the beach.

Nuisance biker stopped

A BIKER had his motorcycle confiscated after causing a nuisance in Canterbury.

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Nuisance neighbour 'ill'

A WOMAN accused of leaving hypodermic needles and rat poison in her neighbour's garden to poison the dog has been freed by magistrates.

On Monday Helen Eade, 44, admitted harassing Dessyslava Slavkova, who lived in her block of council flats.

Eade did not admit all the offences listed, and had already been in custody for several weeks pending a psychiatric report.

Natasha Spreadborough, defending, said: "It would appear these offences were committed when her mental health had deteriorated."

Eade was released, but was made the subject of a restraining order.

Cathedral sculptures

PURE Form, a sculpture collective, is displaying its latest exhibition Form and Influence at the Sydney Cooper Gallery, Canterbury.

The show, which opened on Friday, August 6, features work from more than 60 local artists who have recycled stone and wood from the cathedral restoration programme into modern interpretations.

The sculptures range from four-inch models to an eight-foot classical form.

Stone-carving workshops are being held at the Augustine Art centre to accompany the two-week exhibition and the Pure Form group will continue to meet twice a week at Christ Church University.

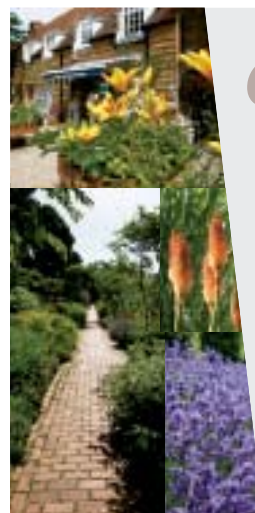
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A BUDDING Willy Wonka will get to create the official ice-cream flavour of the Herne Bay festival.

The city council and Makcari's coffee shop are running the competition.

Children up to 14 can enter with an explanation of why the taste was chosen.

The winner will help make their ice cream, which will be sold at Makcari's.

All entries must be put in the box at Makcari's with a name, address, age and phone number by Monday, August 16.

City on Facebook

FACEBOOK has been embraced by Canterbury council in a bid to attract tourists to the city.

The council's tourism team has launched their Visit Canterbury brand on the social networking site to allow people to get information about events and activities easily.

Tourism manager Caroline Cooper said: "Our Facebook page is a great way to let as many people as possible to know why Canterbury is a great place to visit."

Motorcyclist hurt

A BIKER had to be airlifted to hospital after a crash with a tractor on Wednesday.

The 25-year-old man had to be rushed to the King's College Hospital for emergency treatment.

The motorcyclist was seriously injured in the smash in Owl's Hatch Road, Herne Bay, at 2.50pm on August 4.

The man is now in a stable condition in hospital, but police want any witnesses to call them on 01622 798538.

Negligent team caused death of qualified diver

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

EXPERIENCED diver Donna Newton went on a dream trip to the Galapagos Islands and died because her 'buddies' didn't look after her.

Donna, 40, had dived all over the world and was a qualified dive master, but that didn't save her. A coroner has ruled a series of failures by tour organisers led to her death.

Mid Kent Coroner Roger Sykes said vital procedures to ensure underwater safety were not followed.

Donna should have been accompanied by a dive buddy who was supposed to help if she got into difficulty. The buddy went off on her own.

And the tour's dive master failed to watch over them.

Also radio equipment tuned to an emergency beacon carried by divers was not switched on.

Donna died on October 6 after complaining of nausea. Expert witness, veteran diver Robert Cole, said she shouldn't have been allowed to descend in that condition.

And Donna's mother Diana Trumper wants

to warn tourist divers that safety standards in some tropical paradises are not as stringent as British regulations.

In his damning verdict Mr Sykes said: "Her dive master failed to keep watch over her and her dive buddy. Her dive buddy failed to signal to Donna and the dive master that she had to ascend early and the dive master failed to notice that Donna had a loss of buoyancy control on her ascent probably caused by vomiting into her mask and mouthpiece. These were serious failures to conform to recognised diving practices."

Donna was last seen swimming behind some turtles 30 metres below the surface. It was some time before dive master Fabricio Carbo noticed she was missing. She was found floating on her back with her mask off and blood and vomit around her nose.

Her buoyancy jacket was inflated and she'd operated her emergency beacon but the receiver aboard the dive boat was switched off.

Donna was no unfit amateur. Her dive com-



TRAGEDY: Experienced diver and qualified dive master Donna Newton died while diving off the Galapagos Islands

puter showed 51 faultless dives and she'd been a qualified dive master since 2004.

Mr Cole, a veteran of 10,000 dives since 1955 told the inquest: "It is not a wise thing to allow people to dive when they are sick. A decent dive master would tell a diver to stay on the boat until they felt better."

"Control broke down, people were doing their own thing and I don't think the dive master knew what Donna was doing."

"Her dive buddy, an American woman, had no excuse to go off on her own leaving Donna behind. I don't think there was much dive discipline going on. She was fighting for her life and nobody realised due to the dive master's sloppiness."

Donna's mum Diana says her daughter's death should be a warning to others.

She said: "If I can stop another family going through the hell we have endured since October then it is something."

"I miss her very much."



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QUESTION & ANSWER

MICHAEL WALTER



Q How did you start working at Blean Woods?

A I have been working for the RSPB since 1973, mainly on woodland reserves in England and Wales. When the RSPB started acquiring land at Blean Woods in 1981 and advertised for a warden, it seemed natural for me to apply for the post.

Q What does work as a Warden entail?

A Wardening can be broadly split into habitat management, species monitoring, estate work, visitor management and, increasingly, administration. Habitat management is the most important aspect. I can gain a better idea of how successful this work is by monitoring species, mainly birds and butterflies – if their numbers increase, I am probably getting the management about right.

Q How are the woods maintained?

A I am helped by an amazing band of volunteers who carry out most aspects of reserve work – three of them have been trained to use a chainsaw, enabling us to do a lot of the felling.

Q What can visitors do at Blean Woods?

A Visitor facilities are deliberately kept low-key, so as not to detract from the woodland experience. A series of five waymarked trails lead from the car park, ranging in length from one to eight miles.

Q I hear you've had some exciting news concerning nightjars?

A Yes. This year I have recorded the churring of seven nightjars on the reserve. In previous years the most I have heard is six, and as the total found in Kent in 2004 was only 45, this suggests that Blean Woods is an important regional site for this intriguing bird.

Q Are there any other rare species in the woods?

A There are dormice, but these are difficult to see as they are nocturnal and tend to stay high up in the tree canopy. Pride of place must go to the heath fritillary, a rare butterfly confined to a small number of sites in the West Country, Essex and Canterbury.

The past two years have been their best ever seasons and in 2009 I noted a peak of more than 1300 in one small clearing, possibly the highest density ever recorded in this country.

Q Have there been any other important changes to the woods recently?

A The weather certainly seems to be more extreme than when I first came here. We

now experience more extended periods of dry weather, possibly as a result of climate change. Shallow-rooted trees, such as beech, can become very water-stressed, eventually dying if the droughts are repeated year after year.

Potentially highly significant was the initial colonisation of the wood by deer a year ago. Deer numbers can build up quickly, having a dramatic impact on the structure of the wood as the animals graze off all the young coppice regrowth, bramble and flowers. Fortunately, numbers do not seem to have increased yet, but the situation is being monitored.

Q Do you have a favourite part of the woods, or a favourite resident?

A I have several favourite spots in the wood. One is a wide ride that always seems to be rich in flowers, butterflies and birds. A "secret" pond away from the visitor paths is a delightfully tranquil place for meditation.

I love the various harbingers of spring – the first hazel catkins, foraging bees, swarming wood ants, and singing chiffchaff.

Q How can the public help?

A You may not be able to get involved in physical activity, but there are other ways to support our work. By joining the RSPB, your subscription will help pay for all the management that has to be carried out. You can also buy seasoned firewood from the reserve.

Q & A

The warden at Blean Woods, near Canterbury, talks to **Florence Tennent** about his work, and the many changes to the woods which can have positive or negative effects on the wildlife that flourish there

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NICK 43, petite blonde, green eyes, seeks genuine guy for company, fun, friendship and maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339115

FEMALE single mum, seeks male, 30-45 for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339345

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TALL slim, attractive lady, late 60's, genuine, likes socialising, meals out, music, animals, seeks male, 65-70 for company, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380476

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46YR old male, 6ft, long hair, tattoos, likes rock/blues music, down to earth, kind, caring, likes pubs, GSOH, seeks easygoing female. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380792

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JASON 51, 3ins, 32, dark hair/eyes, athletic, attractive, N/S, social drinker, seeks slim, white female, 25-35 for no strings fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380870

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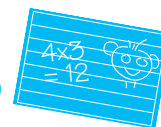
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BREAK TIME

Twins pay tribute to fallen relative

SPIRES Academy students visited First World War battlegrounds to track down the resting place of a long-lost relative.

Twins Matthew and Dale Allsop visited the Menin Gate at Ypres with students, parents and teachers to lay a wreath for Lance Corporal Fred Pearson of the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters Regiment.

The soldier, who is a distant cousin on the 15-year-olds, fell on July 31, 1917 aged 26. He was traced by the boys' father, Robert Allsop, while he was researching the family tree.

Matthew said: "It was a shocking, moving and unforgettable experience, a trip that I will remember forever. Seeing all those thousands of war graves makes you aware of how many lives were lost throughout the conflict."

Outstanding praise for city lecturers

LECTURERS at Christ Church University have been given the top grade by Ofsted.

The finding comes in the wake of an inspection of the education faculty's primary, secondary and tertiary education programmes. The department was awarded seven 'outstanding' grades and one respectable 'good'.

Dr John Moss, dean of the faculty, said: "This excellent outcome is due to the exceptional work of staff at the University and in our partner schools and colleges. I would like to thank them all."

Learners celebrate success with an awards ceremony

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

LEARNERS in Herne Bay have been given a special awards celebration after working hard to get qualifications whilst working.

The 10 employees were nominated for the accolades by their bosses in recognition of their commitment, speed of achievement and how some have struggled against adversity to get their grades.

Dan Humphries, pictured, started working at the Strode Park Foundation's reception part-time in 2008 and decided he wanted to study for formal qualifications.

Target date

Mr Humphries lives in the Coach House, the organisation's training facility for those with severe physical or learning disabilities.

The 34-year-old gained an NVQ in customer services as well as a literacy qualification. He started his national vocational qualification in March 2009 and finished five months ahead of his target date.

Others who gained awards include Nicola Potter, from All About Care, in Herne Bay, William Bradford, from Strode Park, Tammy Betts and Pauline Smith, from All Seasons care home in the town, and Robert Garland from the Kent Enterprise Trust.

All had completed NVQs to levels two or three.

The celebratory event, which took place at Kent Enterprise House, was held as an opportunity for training provider Learn To to praise



SUCCESS: Dan Humphries, from Strode Park, passed a literacy qualification and got an NVQ in customer services

learners for their enthusiasm and willingness to study.

The company trains people in health and social care and gift aids all of its profits to the Kent Enterprise Trust charity.

The day was led by John Bland, CEO of Enterprising Opportunities Community

Interest Company. Other speakers were Donna Bunce, from Skills for Care, and John Marshall, from the Skills Funding Agency.

Elisabet Sigurdardottir, of Learn To, said: "It is of great importance to our company to provide employees with the training they need to prosper within their industry."

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Births, deaths and lending books

A BIG shake-up in public services could see people registering births and deaths with librarians.

A six-month pilot project is under way at Ashford and Sevenoaks libraries where registration services have been relocated.

Library staff are being trained to register births and deaths, with registrars being trained to become librarians.

The changes are part of a scheme looking at how the services can be delivered together.

It comes after Kent County Council revealed it has to make £15 million in savings this year as a result of coalition Government cuts.

Although concerns have been raised by Unison, KCC said the trial would help look at

■ BY MARIJKE COX

the best way to deliver registrations.

"It will give us an opportunity to test how the services can work together to provide customers with better access at a more convenient and familiar location," an official said.

"We also want to explore how we can make the most of our premises and staffing resources across the county."

Initial plans saw an over-the-counter service, where people wanting to register a birth or death would have to do so surrounded by library users. Unison argued this would be insensitive for people registering deaths.

David Lloyd, the Kent branch's general sec-

retary, said: "Some people raised concerns about the way in which registrations were to be carried out. They were worried about the practice, where if you were registering a death it would be done over the counter."

"We think we have won on this point and it has been agreed there will be private rooms available for registrations."

Mr Lloyd said although there have been no formal objections to the changes, the merging of services is a concern to the union.

"We've not been made aware of any job losses, but this is something we will keep an eye on. Staff have not objected to changes, but there are worries about what is happening."

"We really need to see how it's all going to work before we bring these up."

Staff involved in the trial have been fully trained, with librarians in birth and death registration and registrars in relevant library duties, including premises management and staff rotas. A spokeswoman said: "The results of the pilot are being assessed and evaluated before any decisions are taken that might impact on staff in the longer term."

"Any changes to the terms and conditions and jobs descriptions of staff will be subject to full consultation with the unions and staff."

She added: "The Kent Registration Service has been offering birth and death registration at a number of locations for some time, including Gateways and hospitals."

A survey is being carried out to gather feedback from the public.

Cloned beef 'no problem' for NFU

THE National Farmers' Union in Kent said it has no problems with cloned beef entering the UK's food chain.

It comes after the Food Standards Agency discovered meat from a bull, born using an embryo from an American cloned cow, was sold for human consumption in Scotland.

Experts are divided on the rights and wrongs of the meat being eaten by humans.

The RSPCA wants cloning banned, but an NFU Kent spokesman said: "We understand there is no health risk posed by eating meat from cloned animals. The UK has a world-class cattle identification and tracing system which is monitored by Government authorities including the FSA."

"The 'passport' each animal has also contains genetic details. No cloning can take

place in the UK. But in the case of a progeny from a cloned animal, the passport would identify the host dam, which is the mother."

Darren Griffin, professor of genetics at the school of bioscience at the University of Kent, said: "No-one has ever found evidence that cloned meat is in any way dangerous to eat. I can't see a way that it might be, and there are all sorts of things we should worry about before this."

The meat entered the food chain after two bulls from the embryos of a cow cloned in the USA were bought by farmer Steven Innes at Newmeadow Farm, near Nairn.

Meat from one was sold on to be eaten after the animal was slaughtered in July, last year.

The second bull was slaughtered in July, but was not allowed into the food chain.

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YOUR LETTERS

No EU support for bloody spectacle

I was delighted to hear that the parliament of Catalonia has voted to ban bull-fighting, despite its place in Spain's cultural tradition.

For a long time I have been concerned by this barbaric practice and last week was an important step towards the total ban I would like to see. Bull-fighting is a continuation of a cruel age from the past, in which the suffering of animals was a spectacle for public entertainment. These practices continue to reinforce the idea animals are nothing more than objects we may use at our whim.

Since being elected I have received numerous letters objecting to bullfighting. I am determined to make sure no money from the EU is ever used to fund this bloody tradition. I look forward to the day when this ban is extended across the whole of Spain.

Catherine Bearder, Lib Dem MEP for South East England

Livestock lifeline in the disaster zone

Animal welfare charities must be included on the board of the Disasters Emergency Committee.

This is not some dewy-eyed bunny-hugging plea: it is a hard-nosed life-saving reality that has been proved over and over again that if you do not save livestock at the same time that you save human life then in the longer term more people will continue to die.

There is an impression that "we must save women and children first" and, of course, every effort has to be made to rescue people who are stranded, in danger and without water and food.

But unless a simultaneous effort is made to save donkeys, goats and other livestock then in the long-run, once the floods have receded and the media spotlight has moved on, people left without any means to sustain themselves will starve to death. There is, I would suggest, small point in saving life today if some of those lives will still be lost tomorrow.

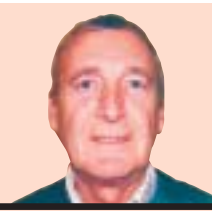
In Darfur this situation has occurred not once but twice. In Kenya SPANA unilaterally worked to save thousands of animals. In Haiti the livestock has been decimated. And in Pakistan we are seeing that in some areas a donkey is more use in assisting the rescue effort than mechanised transport.

The DEC does good work but it is an exclusive club that has resisted the inclusion of animal welfare representation for too long and I believe the time has come for Government to intervene and, in the interests of life-saving, insist animal rescue is afforded the representation and priority that its importance warrants.

Roger Gale MP, trustee of SPANA Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad

your blogger

Ian MacMillan explains why the petrol-head's need for speed is neither big nor clever



DRIVING cars and motorbikes fast. Clever or stupid?

Having driven a car safely for more than 50 years, I watched with mounting anger a TV documentary about recently qualified young boy and girl racers.

Statistics show that the arrogant, selfish and ignorant anti-heroes featured are a danger to themselves and others on the road and yet, until confronted by the possible consequences of their antisocial behaviour, they were quite happy – and indeed proud – to race on the road, exceed the speed limit and so on.

They seem to get a thrill out of speed, and the pride comes from the irrational feeling that it is them rather than the car's engine that causes the speed.

As though putting the car in a certain gear and stamping on the accelerator is macho and clever.

Wouldn't it be nice if this antisocial, dangerous and, indeed, childish behaviour was deprecated by all. But, alas, that is not the case.

Certain young boy racers make a lucrative living by driving cars recklessly and dangerously fast. Jensen Button and Lewis Hamilton to name just two.

Money is one thing, but fame is another, and in petrol-head circles, this is best achieved by almost killing yourself.

A middle-aged racer from Kent shot to fame after a spectacular crash in the Indianapolis race and Top Gear's Richard Hammond brought out an autobiography on the back of doing something extremely silly.

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Social model of care best for new mums

The new report suggesting a greater role for GPs in maternity care comes at a time when services are under close scrutiny and though it makes some useful suggestions, the preferred model of care would be to continue to provide a choice of carer and to actively promote midwife-led care to women.

Current problems in maternity care are caused not by the principle of less GP involvement but rather by the lack of supportive systems to make the role of the lead carer, midwife or consultant obstetrician easier and seamless. A partnership needs to emerge between the health professionals involved in the care of pregnant women, when they are well and when they are unwell.

Birth is a normal, physiological process and the majority of women, with a straightforward pregnancy, do not require medical involvement at GP or hospital consultant level.

A social model of care is therefore preferable which is why midwife-led care should be offered to all women. Some women will benefit from the involvement of a GP or require specialist help from dieticians, substance abuse services or social services and some will want to maintain their relationship with their GP.

However, many women find getting to know a midwife who will be with them throughout their pregnancy and birth is vital.

Pregnant women in England currently have a choice to receive their care from their GP or a midwife. The midwife will explain this choice to them when they book their first visit. GP knowledge on maternity issues has fallen behind current evidence and a considerable amount of retraining will be required to enable them to fulfill their role in pregnancy in relation to the health of the woman and baby with medical needs.

Even more training would be required if GPs are expected to deal with the pregnancy and birth and the postpartum period, as a midwife would.

In this cost-conscious climate, the most effective solution would be for a pregnant woman to book in with a midwife, for the midwife to have her medical records on her first visit, and the midwife then informing the GP of the pregnancy of one of their patients.

Where there are pre-existing medical problems, the woman should be referred by the midwife to the appropriate service.

Belinda Phipps, chief executive, NCT

Delight and relief at rejection of KIG

Protect Kent is delighted to learn that secretary of state Eric Pickles has rejected the appeal from AXA for the Kent International Gateway (KIG) freight depot at Bearsted.

Common sense has prevailed. The secretary of state agreed with the inspector's summary

recommending rejection of the application, with a number of factors weighing against the proposal. These include the loss of a large area of open countryside, substantial harm to the setting of the Kent Downs AONB and serious damage to the bridleways and footpath that cross the site.

Protect Kent gave evidence on these topics at the public inquiry last year and believe any future use for this site will have similar impacts.

We particularly want to highlight the ridiculous claim that KIG would have reduced carbon emissions, especially since the applicants struggled so hard to put forward evidence in support of their claim. AXA also failed to deal with the strong evidence submitted on security and the effects of Operation Stack.

This is a major victory and I would like to pay tribute to the hard work by tireless Protect Kent members and staff, StopKIG and residents. The strength of the public opposition was evidenced by the extraordinarily high turnout at the 12-week inquiry.

It is rare to see a community uniting so strongly and so effectively to challenge a threat such as this. A large area of beautiful countryside has been saved from steel and concrete. Generations to come will be able to walk along the Pilgrims Way and enjoy the breathtaking scenery from the North Downs across this part of the Garden of England.

Protect Kent is hosting a screening of Monty Python and the

Holy Grail at Leeds Castle, near the KIG site, on the August 21, to celebrate this landmark victory.

Once we have analysed the inspector's full report and the secretary of state's decision, we will give our views in greater detail.

Richard Knox-Johnston, chairman of Protect Kent

Vocational route to satisfying careers

School leavers face disappointment this summer as the force of recent university cuts come into effect.

With fewer places available and more graduates than ever joining them in an overcrowded jobs market, AAT – the UK's leading professional body for accounting and finance staff – is urging people to consider vocational alternatives. Many assume a degree is the only route to a professional career but this isn't the case.

Vocational qualifications offer an excellent alternative. Recent research showed almost 60 per cent of young people aged 16 to 24 in the south east ignored alternatives to university, such as vocational training and professional qualifications. However, 43 per cent of those who went to, or were at university, were not confident about their choice.

A vocational qualification makes economic sense, too. With the average student debt at £28,000, the savings for choosing this route instead of university could be high.

Jane Scott Paul, chief executive, AAT

Vocational route to satisfying careers

Ken Little would change policing for the better. His improvements could stop state sector heads taking advantage. Police PR self-aggrandisement and paying police authority members to pontificate offers no cost benefits.

All the wretchedly unsuitable members of committees, associations, chairmen, cabinet members etc have delusions of grandeur. They profit from the status quo and reinforce our stratified society to gain status, expenses, salaries and pensions.

Police forces have changed for the worse, so has politics. Civic pride and duty has been replaced with a rigid, narcissistic mob mentality and excessive force used with impunity under overpaid bosses used to having it all their own way.

The myth of correlation between pay and performance has been disproved with the collapse of the economy. Stopping jobs for life and empire building in the mismanaged state sector could make equality possible. Government tweaking of discriminatory, unjust, budget-grabbing systems has not worked. Stopping state sector big cheeses living off our backs might.

Smug state and elected appointees are not representative, imposing punishing taxation without representation. Genuine leadership is missing while misdirected meddling is rife.

Rita Grootendorst, by email

Churchill's finest items to go online

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

A VAST collection of Sir Winston Churchill material, from school reports to a personal copy of his 'finest hour' speech, will soon be available online.

The Churchill Archive Trust has agreed a deal with publisher Bloomsbury to make more than one million items about the wartime Prime Minister, who lived at Chartwell, near Westerham, available online in 2012.

Among the archives being digitised are some 2,500 boxes of letters, telegrams, manuscripts and photographs.

It will show not only his greatest moments as PM, including drafts of his famous speeches such as the rousing "we will fight them on the beaches" and "never in the field of human conflict" from 1940, but also his human side with material that shows his love of gambling and drinking.

There are also items relating to Churchill's menagerie of pets including the black geese, sheep and pigs he kept at Chartwell.

Dentures

Meanwhile, a set of Churchill's false teeth, credited with giving the skilled orator his characteristically slurred diction, went under the hammer in Norfolk for £15,200.

Auctioneer Keys said the partial set of dentures were a spare set of what the Royal College of Surgeons once captioned "The teeth that saved the world?"

The teeth, which were estimated to reach between £4,000-5,000, went to an unnamed collector from Gloucestershire, who also owns the microphone through which Churchill announced the end of the war.

Antiques valuer Andrew Bullock said Churchill suffered from terrible teeth and gums and needed complicated dentistry from childhood.

"The delicacy and special design of the teeth have been widely credited with helping Churchill speak clearly and effectively," he said. "Churchill lived in fear of losing his false teeth – and hence his speaking voice – and insisted spare dentures always be on hand."

The dentures, which were sold last Thursday, were carefully designed to ensure that he kept his slurred speaking voice, which was a deliberate affectation designed



DIGITALISED: Artefacts from Winston Churchill's collection will be made available in an online archive

to overcome a childhood lisp.

Other items of 'Churchilliana' also went under the hammer at Keys including a damaged Victorian Boule cigar box he gave his valet, sold for £4,500, and two packs of playing cards made for Churchill that fetched £1,000.

Churchill showered gifts on Norman McGowan, who served as his valet from 1949-54, and Mr McGowan's family entered 11 lots in the auction.

"It's not the sort of thing you give away lightly," Mr Bullock said about the cigar box.

"The base is split – which makes it no good as a cigar box because the air can get in. So that is probably why he gave it away."

"I have got a delightful vision of Churchill picking the box up and banging it on the desk causing the box to split, then deciding to give it to his valet."

When the Churchill archives go live on the web in 2012, schools, homes and libraries around the world will have access to an amazing amount of items.

Reward for urban foxhunters' capture

KENT'S leading fox experts are offering a £1,000 reward to nail a bunch of cruel thugs that beat a helpless fox to death with a cricket bat.

The gang call themselves the Urban Foxhunters, but expert John Bryant said they are breaking several laws.

The group has defended its actions following outrage when a video of them beating the fox to death appeared on YouTube (pictured). It has since been removed.

The Urban Foxhunters said they were providing a "public service" by drugging foxes in Hackney neighbourhoods, and then avoiding any suffering by hammering them to death with a cricket bat while they are doped up.

The slaughter happened close to the home of twin baby girls seriously injured by a fox in June.

One of the gang members, who calls himself Lone Horseman, wrote: "We will not be intim-

idated by the crazies. We are performing a public service. I have kids and I don't want them being bitten by diseased vermin scum."

Now Mr Bryant, from Tonbridge, has waded in the controversy and offered a cash reward for the successful prosecution of the gang members.

He said: "This gang are putting out drugged food for foxes. This is also a threat to cats and dogs. They then chased this fox around, beat it to death with a cricket bat and put the video online."

"The police and RSPCA are looking at this, and I thought I would offer this £500 reward, which is being matched by the Fox Project, also based in Kent."

"They have masks on, but one is identifiable. I want to expose these masked idiots. Of course this animal suffered because it was being chased around."



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Site agreed for 100ft sculpture

A KENT sculptor has been offered land near Dover for his own Angel of the South.

Ian Morrison, from Wingham, has been given use of the former Ministry of Defence land, near Dover, for his 100ft Invicta horse sculpture.

The land, which was also previously owned by Channel Tunnel operator Eurotunnel, is now in the hands of a private group, which has told the sculptor he can locate the Kentish symbol there.

The position of the land, just of the A20 near Folkestone, means the horse would be seen from across the Channel in both Calais and Boulogne.

Mr Morrison said: "It still needs planning permission, but this should be possible as there are no houses or anything anywhere near there."

The artist is hoping that the project will be partially funded by Kentish people who will be willing to pay to have their name engraved into the statue.

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Pirates welcome aboard

SEADOGS are invited to take part in a pirate-themed evening to mark the start of Dover Regatta.

Shanty singers will perform at Table Table in Marine Court, Dover, from 8pm on Friday, and people are invited to wear their eye patches and tricorne hats.

For details call 01304 218260 or email dover.marinecourt@whitbread.com.

Audition for stage role

OPEN auditions are being held for roles in two productions by the Folkestone-Hythe Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Auditions for James Goldman's *Lion in Winter* will be held at the Tower Theatre in Folkestone on Sunday and auditions for this year's pantomime, *Babes in the Wood*, take place on Sunday, September 5. For details call 07711 710952 or email info@towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk.

Musical to raise funds

GET A Slice of Saturday Night when the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate hosts a fund-raising performance.

The hit musical will be performed from Thursday to Saturday and again from next Thursday to next Saturday. Tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door. To book call 01843 591750.

Stars at jazz festival

WANTSUM Jazz Festival takes place at Ramsgate's Royal Harbour this weekend.

EastEnders star Scott Maslen will be there to support his wife, Estelle Rubio, when she performs onboard the *Proud Seahorse* on Saturday. Hamish Stuart and film composer John Altman will also be appearing. Christine Tobin and the WestCoast Soul Orchestra perform on Sunday. For details check Facebook or call 01843 850630.

Live music at pub

ENJOY an afternoon of free live music when harmonica player Brendan Power performs in Canterbury on Sunday.

He will be joined by multi-instrumentalist Tim Edey and percussionist Lucy Randall at The Dolphin in St Radigunds Street from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. For details visit www.musicforchange.org.

Kent's history on tour

DISCOVER Kent's history on King's English Magical History Tours.

The company in Canterbury is offering eight tours, exploring themes such as Jane Austen's England, the garden at Sissinghurst and the World of Charles Dickens. Tours cost £35 each. For more information call 01227 840444 or visit www.kingsenglishretail.co.uk/tours.

Kent is star of comedy

THE Kent landscape stars in *The Calling*, the latest film by Thanet-based company Medb Films.

Starring Brenda Blethyn, Emily Beecham, Amanda Donohoe and the late Corin Redgrave, the comedy drama was shot at Salmestone Grange in Margate and in other parts of Thanet. The DVD is available from Monday and can be pre-ordered at www.amazon.co.uk.



Join sailing set for week of fun

RAMSGATE WEEK

Monday, August 16, to Sunday, August 22
Various venues, Ramsgate.



SPECTATORS can look forward to thrilling action on the high seas when Ramsgate Week gets under way.

Renowned for being one of the friendliest regattas in the country, Ramsgate Week attracts entrants from all over the country and even further afield. Sailors from Belgium, France and Holland will be making the trip across the Channel to take part in the fun next week.

Despite the stiff competition and fierce rivalries encountered out on the water, the event is well-known for its warm and welcoming atmosphere, and competitors find plenty of time to relax together after the races.

Hosted by the Royal Temple Yacht Club, the regatta offers events for serious racers in the IRC class and also gives the chance for competitive fun in the Cruiser class.

In collaboration with Broadstairs Sailing Club, the new dinghy sailing weekend will take place from Broadstairs on the Saturday and Sunday.

The action can be seen from the safety of dry land, so spectators do not need to leave the shore to enjoy the entertainment. From the Eastern pier head, it is possible to see the boats in the Cruiser class jostle for position at the RTYC start line. A warning signal starts the race sequence and Ramsgate's Mayor, Cllr David Green, will fire the first cannon at 10.25am on Monday.

Competitors in the IRC classes will start their races offshore and people on the shore can see them head out to the start line before the races get under way at 10am. Spectators should also look out for the colourful spinnakers that can be seen 'flying' out in front of the boats.

"As well as being a truly international event, Ramsgate Week is a family-friendly regatta," said Commodore Mike Brand.

"The harbour becomes a hive of activity and yachtsmen benefit from the excellent sailing conditions off Ramsgate. We are looking forward to welcoming all participants to the event and providing the spectators with something great to watch."

The racing programme includes the IRC classes 1 to 3 series of coastal races, with one taking place each day from Monday to

Wednesday. The race taking place on Wednesday is the famous Round the Goodwin Sands Noot Cup.

IRC International Regatta Series features three races on Thursday, two on Friday and two on Sunday. Running from Friday to Saturday, the SailEAST four-race series is also part of the IRC International Regatta Series and is a highly competitive event.

International teams will compete in the new Commodores Cup for Half Tonners and seven races make up the X-35 class, which takes place over Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There will be three cruiser classes between Monday and Saturday – class five is an unrestricted cruiser class with spinnakers, class six is for fast cruisers without spinnakers and class seven features slow cruisers without spinnakers.

The Dinghy Regatta features six races taking place from Broadstairs across the Saturday and Sunday.

Evening entertainment can be enjoyed at the Royal Temple Yacht Club, and there will be a children's area in the Hold Bar.

For more information, download the brochure from the website at www.ramsgate-week.com or www.rtyc.com.



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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Friday, August 13, Strode Park, Herne Bay



CHAPTERHOUSE presents an enchanting version of popular fairytale, *Beauty and the Beast*.

Laura Turner's interpretation of the much-loved story adds extra magic to the tale, in this family production. The show visits Strode Park as part of a summer tour of outdoor venues, and the open-air setting will add atmosphere to the evening.

Set in the 1940s, the play opens with Louisa and her friends transforming her garden into a magical backdrop for the romantic story.

When a beautiful young girl is forced to live in a spooky old cas-

tle, she is at first afraid of her scary host. But eventually friendship blossoms and she begins to see past the monstrous exterior to the man inside.

Audience members who go along in fancy dress can join Louisa and her friends in a fairytale parade during the interval.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £11 for adults, £7 for students and children and £32 for families of four. To book call Strode Park on 01227 373292, See Tickets on 0871 220 0260 or visit www.seetickets.com.



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Thursday, August 12, Former Stagecoach bus depot, Dover

LEND your voice to art and help to create the soundtrack for Marjorie Van Halteren's new short film.

The radio producer and sound artist is appealing for residents of Dover town and district to take part in her latest project. On Thursday she will be directing a live sound performance for her 3.5-minute film, which will be shown on Dover's Big Screen later this year.

Her film includes archive photos of the spot where the Big Screen is located today and includes election hustings. It

was here that in the past, election candidates would stand in front of the public and watch votes being counted in real time.

Using a wide assortment of materials from baking trays to coconut shells, Van Halteren wants local people to create the soundtrack for the film, *The Voice of the People*. The event takes place from 3-7pm and people can join in at any time.

The Voice of the People is part of the contemporary visual arts project, *From A to B*, which runs in Dover town centre from September 10 to October 16.

GULBENKIAN'S NEW SEASON

Various dates, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

FROM top names in comedy to a dramatic icon, there is plenty to enjoy at the Gulbenkian.

Belly laughs will abound when Canterbury welcomes Ardal O'Hanlon, Rich Hall, Micky Flanagan, Julian Clary, Chris Addison, Tommy Tiernan, Brendon Burns, Greg Davies, Mitch Benn and his *Distractions*, comic ventriloquist Paul Zerdin and Jenny Eclair, pictured.

Step back in time with the Railway Swing Band, see the stars of the future with the Marlowe Young Musician of the Year 2010 and take a musical trip around the world with the Maridadi Singers and Drummers.

The Hamsters interpret Jimi Hendrix's music and Georgie Fame will be showing why he has enjoyed such a long show business career. Show of Hands will be performing with Miranda Sykes and cellist Robert Cohen also makes an appearance.

Quality drama continues with *The Caretaker*, *A Doll's House*, *Kupenga Kwa Hamlet* and *La Bohème*, also actor, writer and director Steven Berkoff will talk about his career.

There are also lots of children's shows and variety performances to enjoy.

For full listings visit www.thegulbenkian.co.uk



UK BODY PAINTING FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 14, and Sunday, August 15
Bridge House, Mersham



SEE how the body can become a natural canvas at this year's UK Body Painting Festival.

Examples of remarkable artistry can be seen in life size as models showcase the extraordinary work of body painters. Children can take part in face painting and adults can find out more about the craft of body painting.

On Friday afternoon, Fantasy UK will be holding a three-hour body painting class to show how it is done.

On both days, children's face painting will be on offer from 10.30am to 11.30am, adult face painting runs from 10.30am to noon and adult body painting sessions run from 11am to 4pm. There will be presentations in all three categories in the afternoons.

Admission costs £3 for adults, £1.50 for children and £6 for families of two adults and up to two children.

Tickets can be bought in advance on the website and there is also an online gallery where visitors can see previous examples of artists' work.

Details of the programme are also available.

For more information visit the website at www.ukbpf.com.



PRIVATE FEARS IN PUBLIC PLACES



Thursday, August 12, to Saturday, August 14
Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs

THE stories of six people seeking love and affection are played out in *Private Fears in Public Places*.

Alan Ayckbourn's play – widely considered to be his masterpiece – is the latest production in the Sarah Thorne Summer Repertory Season. Four stories throw lives together as the six main characters search for warmth in an uncaring city.

Dan and Nicola are flat-hunting, but Nicola begins to feel she has no future with Dan and he places an advert with a dating agency.

Estate agent Charlotte surprises her colleague Stewart by giving him a video of a faith film, with an unexpected addition.

Stewart and his sister Imogen keep secrets from each other as he enjoys the tape's hidden extra and Imogen goes out on a blind date. Meanwhile, Charlotte takes extra work as a carer for Arthur and meets his downtrodden son, Ambrose.

Tickets cost £10.50 for Sarah Thorne Theatre Club members and £12.50 for non-members who must book at least 24 hours in advance. To book call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.



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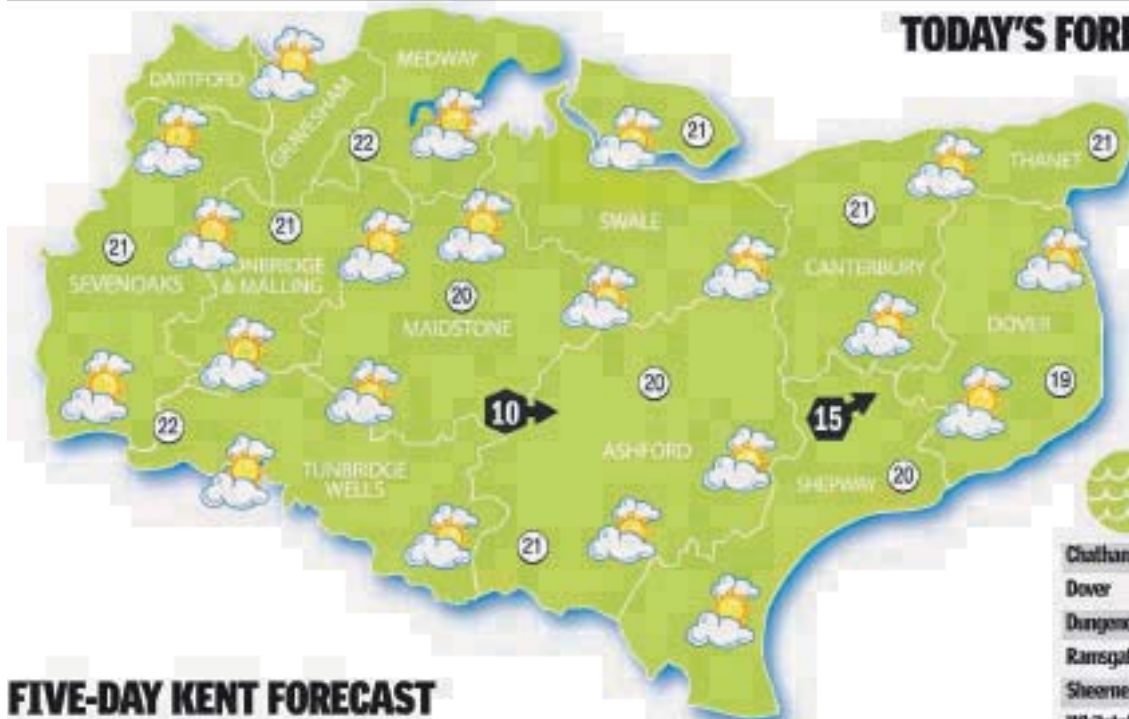
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Bombay	30°C	Sydney	17°C
Cape Town	13°C	Tenerife	25°C
Cardiff	16°C	Tokyo	27°C
Gibraltar	27°C	Vancouver	16°C
Hong Kong	33°C	Warsaw	21°C
Las Palmas	24°C	Wellington	8°C



KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	4:32pm 6.5m	Sunday	5:16pm 6.3m
Dover	Saturday	2:54pm 7.0m	Sunday	3:36pm 6.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:46pm 8.1m	Sunday	3:30pm 7.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:21pm 5.3m	Sunday	4:06pm 5.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:22pm 6.3m	Sunday	5:05pm 5.9m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:30pm 5.7m	Sunday	5:12pm 5.5m



FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon													Whitstable		Saturday	4.30pm 5.7m	Sunday	5.12pm 5.5m					
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From lip-smacking barbecue recipes to family dishes, Levi's new cook book is packed with more than 100 mouth-watering recipes and showing how to spice up traditional favourites.

Good old Shepherd's Pie becomes Caribbean Spiced Shepherd's Pie, pork chops are transformed into Pork Chops Calypso, a simple fish supper becomes Smoked Fish Choka and a classic dessert is remodelled into Mango, Banana and Passion Fruit Trifle.

Hundreds of people queued to meet the man himself at the Waterstones store at Bluewater, on the August 4. But if you didn't make it down there, fear not, Levi Roots signed ten copies of his book, courtesy of Bluewater, Europe's leading retail and leisure destination.

Simply answer the question below for your chance to win this extra special, signed copy of Levi Roots 'Food For Friends', worth £18.99, by Mitchell Beazley:

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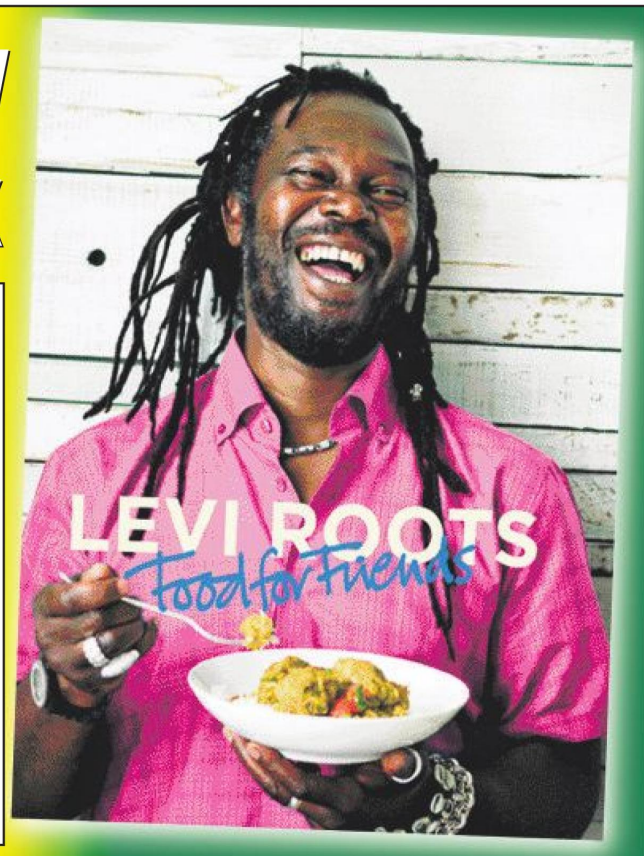
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Action, pace and laughs fail to help stars shine in characterless caper

■ BY DAMON SMITH

TOM Cruise and Cameron Diaz have starred in some of the most financially successful and critically acclaimed films of the past 25 years, collecting numerous awards for their efforts.

Yet put these two Hollywood superstars in the same camera shot and the results are lacklustre to say the least.

Their first collaboration, *Vanilla Sky*, an English language remake of the clever Spanish thriller *Abre Los Ojos* (*Open Your Eyes*), was confusing, illogical and uninvolved, and lacked the style and intelligence of Alejandro Amenabar's original film.

Experience

Now these two talented actors reunite for James Mangold's fast-paced action comedy that has lots of crash and bang, but almost no emotional wallop.

There is a seed of a good idea in Patrick O'Neill's screenplay but the actor turned writer doesn't yet have the experience to knit together the comedy and action elements into a fluid and coherent narrative.

Screen chemistry between the leads never catches fire, even when entire buildings are exploding around them.

June Havens (Diaz) is an unassuming Midwestern gal, who is in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Boarding a flight bound for Boston, June is unexpectedly caught in the crossfire of a mid-air shoot-out between paranoid government agent Roy Miller (Cruise) and gun-toting assassins.

"I shot the first pilot, he shot the second... it's just one of those things," smirks Roy nervously.

June wakes the next morning, in her bed, believing that her high altitude adventure was



LEARNING CURVE: June Havens (Diaz) has to learn the tricks of the spy trade fast if she is to stay alive after getting caught up with government agent Roy Miller (Cruise)

nothing more than a bad dream, only for Miller to abduct her from a diner in front of would-be suitor, Rodney (Marc Blucas).

The young woman is now marked for death, and must quickly learn the tricks of the spy trade to stay alive and avoid an early grave at the hands of Antonio (Jordi Molla) and his henchmen.

Meanwhile, CIA Agent Fitzgerald (Peter Sarsgaard) attempts to persuade June that Roy is a rogue spy who must be stopped before he hands a newly-discovered perpetual energy

source to US enemies.

Knight And Day gallops across the globe, from Boston to Salzburg and finally to Seville for a spectacular finale during a bull run.

Cruise limbers up for the physical demands of *Mission: Impossible IV*, scheduled for release next summer, with a series of bruising stunt sequences and Diaz gets battered too behind the wheel of a car in the centrepiece chase.

However, it's hard to muster concern for Roy and June when the screenplay pays such scant

attention to character development.

Myriad villains are cardboard cut-outs.

The twist is heavily signposted and the stars seem to be bulletproof when it matters, emerging from the melee virtually unscathed when lesser mortals would be riddled with bullets and bound for the mortuary slab.

KNIGHT AND DAY 
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A LIFE ON SHOW: Rafe Spall as Pete, whose every move is subject to scrutiny



YOUR TV REVIEW PETE VERSUS LIFE: Channel 4, 10pm, Friday

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

ASIDE from the now infamous vuvuzela, the constant din of recent months has been football pundits the world over dissecting and commenting on every dive, kick and pass during the World Cup.

If you imagine the very same comment and analysis on the mundanity of your day-to-day existence, then you've got the premise of Channel 4's new comedy series *Pete Versus Life*.

At the centre of the narrative is Pete Griffiths, a struggling young sports journalist who lacks the necessary social antenna to steer him smoothly through life, resulting in him getting into all sorts of embarrassing scrapes and situations.

Unbeknown to Pete, there are two sports commentators analysing his every move and choice, as if it's an exciting sports event, complete with sports graphics and opinions from

guest stars, including sex expert Tracey Cox and relationship guru Claire Rayner.

Pete is played by Rafe Spall, the 27-year-old and son of veteran actor Timothy.

He says: "It's a really interesting premise, it hasn't been done before and he's great character."

"Pete's a sort of idiot but also quite bright at the same time and he's got a good heart, but he gets himself into terrible situations by lying most of the time."

Making Pete likeable has proved the toughest challenge.


"Even though Pete does these terrible things and he's amoral and a liar, you've still got to like him," says Rafe. "You have to want him to do well, to

get the job, to get the girl and that was a tricky conundrum to solve."

He hopes he's achieved that by having Pete remain oblivious to his own gauche nature.

"I think that's the only way you can get through it," he says. "An inspiration to me and the writers is *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. You hate Larry David but you love him as well. Everything that Larry does, even when he gets himself into terrible situations, he's doing it to help other people and later on in the series Pete's doing that. He has the best of intentions, even if he gets undone."

The first episode saw Pete impress a girl when he lied about his commitment to green issues, before wrecking the first meeting with her parents through inappropriate remarks, and giving her mother a rape alarm as a gift.



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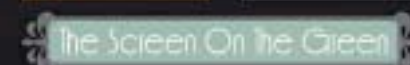
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Festival becomes stuff of folklore



FESTIVAL FEVER: Pama International are on the line-up for Broadstairs Folk Week

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

FOLK fans should head to Broadstairs for the final few days of the annual music festival.

Hundreds of acts have played at venues in the seaside town since the seven-day festival opened last week and plenty more will do so before the curtain is brought down by Ade Edmondson and his Bad Shepherds this Friday night.

Other big names in the folk and country scene due to play in Broadstairs include Doug Hudson, Pama International and Dronhe (all performing tonight) Three Sheets to the Wind, Jeff Warner and Martin Simpson (tomorrow) and Moondance, Derek Gifford and Monroe's Revenge (all playing on Friday).

Some of the attractions will require tickets, but many are free, as the town's venues come alive with a host of activities, from workshops to a craft fair.

There is a campsite a few minutes' walk from the town centre, but the more casual enthusiast can turn up any time of day for a wander around the charming streets to take in the atmosphere.

A Folk Week spokesman said: "During Folk Week, life in

Broadstairs really is set to music. In the parks, pubs, gardens and on the beaches and promenade there really is a festival vibe in the town.

"Everyone has a different Folk Week – ask 50 people what is their favourite part of the festival and they will each tell you something completely different.

"Whether you are a family looking for child-friendly events, the younger generation wanting to burn off some dance energy or singers and musicians seeking out a session, Folk Week has something for you."

LINE-UP

Today

Doug Hudson
Pama International
Dronhe
The Shee
Steve Turner

Tomorrow

BouGaRaBou
Trevor Stephenson
Martin Simpson
Boka Halat
Chris Sherburn and Denny Bartley

Friday

Moondance
Ade Edmondson and The Bad Shepherds
Bob Hall
Derek Gifford
Monroe's Revenge

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MUSIC FESTIVAL: A montage from this year's Lounge on the Farm.

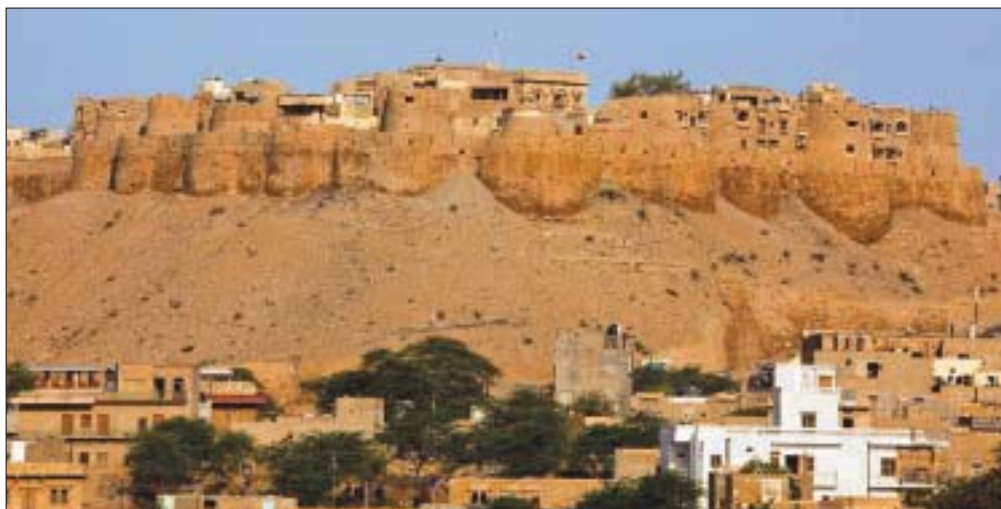


BAND PRACTICE: Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love.



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- 1 Craig Sheridan - Times Change, Deal
- 2 Craig Sheridan - Winter Sunn, Bexley
- 3 The Flack - Forget Me, Deal
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INDIAN SUMMER: The magnificent Mehrangarh Fort towers over the city in the deserts of Rajasthan, known as the Land of the Kings

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Opulence meets deprivation in the deserts of Rajasthan

■ BY LIAM CREEDON

The Thar Desert, carpeting the emptiness of India's North West, is a vast, desolate, sand-blasted expanse, dominating Rajasthan – the Land of the Kings.

Here are some of India's most awe-inspiring natural and man-made spectacles, and travellers can explore this wilderness in a style befitting the Maharajas.

Built by the region's leading family, the Rathores, 600 years ago, the fort boasts opulent pleasure palaces, secluded courtyards and spiked, elephant-proof gates, providing the Maharajas with protection and a limitless view over their dust-blown kingdom – Marwar, the land of death.

And it is from the stomach-churning height of the fort that visitors experience a cultural revelation. The toy town far below appears to be blue.

Hundreds of rectangular, flat-roofed buildings have been daubed various shades of this colour, which denotes the home of a Brahmin – the highest caste.

In the city streets, life explodes in the cramped alleyways of the old town. Sacred cows nibble rubbish in doorways, bare-footed children vault open sewers, quick-fingered langur monkeys are chased from market stalls by kohl-eyed beauties veiled behind crimson saris.

Streets throb to the popping cough of motorised rickshaws, revving motorbikes, and conversations roar over the hullabaloo.

The delicious tang of cooking jalebis mixes with sewage, exhaust fumes and incense to form a thick gauze of scent, as appealing as it is appalling.

The chic Raas Hotel provides luxury and tranquility only yards from this chaotic excitement.

FACT FILE: INDIA

Time difference	+Five hours (GMT)
Capital	New Delhi
Population	1.8 billion
Currency	Indian Rupee
Climate	Varied

Liam Creedon was a guest of Bales Worldwide. An eight-day Rajasthan itinerary costs from £2,745, including two nights at The Serai in Jaisalmer and two nights at the Rass in Jodhpur. Package includes return international/internal flights with Jet Airways, private transfers, sightseeing and some meals. Bales reservations: 0845 057 0600 and www.balesworldwide.com. British Airways connecting flights ex-Glasgow, Manchester from £42 each way.



Built in Jodhpur's signature rose-red sandstone, the boutique hotel boasts stunning sunset views of the Mehrangarh Fort glowering above. The muezzin's call to prayer echoes from the pastel rooftops as the fort glows in the sinking desert sun.

South of the city, the Mihirgarh Resort is opulent too: within the ochre, mud-styled battlements are nine luxury suites and a mini-temple, a perfect romantic hideaway.

But Rajasthan's soul lies in the desert, and many visitors explore the Thar's mystery from the back of a camel.

Getting on is the hard part: vaulting your leg over their tent-sized backs can demand bodily contortions.

But once you've conquered this irascible, spitting troublemaker, the animal rapidly propels you to the perfect height from which to appreciate the acacia-fringed sparseness of the dunes as they melt from gold to rust in the sinking sun.

You then spend a night under the star-smudged desert sky.

The area around Manvar is the spiritual home to the opium ceremony used by Rajput, Bishnoi and Marwari communities in the desert environs of Jodhpur.

Life is harsh in scattered desert villages. Precious seeds, grain and gourds prized from the earth are stacked carefully in mounds, while villages raise money by allowing tourists to inspect their way of life.

Further west, the city of Jaisalmer emerges from the desert like a dream. In the heat haze, it shimmers like a giant, mustard-coloured trifle.

Within 60 miles of the Pakistan border, the city is more brash and showy than Jodhpur.

Honey-hued sandstone lends Jaisalmer the title of "Golden City". Enclosed by a fort, the old town rises 80 metres into the air and is encrusted with endless battlements.

Inside, mind-bogglingly ornate Jain temples and sprawling havelis – merchants' homes – resemble a living museum.

This was India's magnetic, riotous pull and I was hooked.

MOTORS NEWS



Vauxhall raises stakes with lifetime warranty

AN ALL-OUT warranty war is on the cards after Vauxhall's offer of a 'lifetime warranty' on its cars, including the popular UK-built Astra.

To be precise, it applies to the first owner of the car and the first 100,000 miles, though Vauxhall says it has plans to allow second owners to purchase the warranty.

However, it is still the most comprehensive guarantee on the market and a riposte to the major peace of mind offers from Kia (seven years/100,000 miles), Hyundai (five/unlimited) and Toyota (five/100,000).



Yeti scales the heights with awards accolade

SKODA'S Yeti crossover/SUV was named Car of the Year at the prestigious Auto Express magazine awards.

The top prize was one of five earned by the Czech manufacturer, with magazine editor David Johns praising the Yeti's versatility as both possible off-roader and compact MPV, without demanding "the dynamic or financial compromises usually associated with either."

He added: "The Skoda Yeti (from £13,990) mixes tough Tonka toy looks, sharp handling and a high-quality and spacious cabin with the brand's famed value-for-money pricing and service."



Ferrari's pocket-rocket is the ultimate tribute

FANCY a cut-price Ferrari? Then check out this £30,000 Ferrari version of the Fiat 500, made by the Italian marque's sporting arm, Abarth.

Known as the 695 Tributo Ferrari, just 152 right-hand examples will be sold in the UK, complete with classic Ferrari red livery, carbon wing mirrors and grey alloys and front air intakes.

A 180bhp 1.4-litre turbocharged engine takes the pocket rocket to 62mph in seven seconds and a top speed of 140mph, yet it can still average more than 40mpg.



TOO CLEVER BY HALF: The Smart ForTwo cdi's green credentials are beyond doubt and it is a design masterpiece – yet the diesel engine (inset) provides a gruff and lumpy ride

Diesel not such a Smart move – and here's why

APART from the few electric cars around, Smart's diesel version of its distinctive ForTwo coupe is the greenest production car on UK roads.

It offers parity on CO2 emissions with that paragon of eco-motoring, the Toyota Prius, and betters its average fuel consumption by around five mpg.

You could also buy two for the price of the Toyota and dodge around town and park more easily – providing you don't have to carry more than two people.

But a petrol Smart is an even smarter choice; the diesel (from £9,440) might be a masterpiece of compact engineering, but it's gruff and lumpy, especially when cold.

And it hates accelerating; the official time to 62mph is 16.8 seconds, but that seems optimistic and you soon learn to throttle back anyway to ease the racket.

If the diesel has a virtue, it is the extra weight deadening the pitching effect allowed by the car's short wheelbase when changing gear automatically. Familiarity with any

ROAD TEST SMART FORTWO cdi

BY STEVE LOADER

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Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Smart teaches you to back off the throttle just before the gearbox changes up anyway, but I prefer to select the gears manually and let the car self-select only when in slow moving traffic. Despite its relative height, a Smart does not roll into bends as you might expect either and the diesel is even better planted.

Nevertheless, with the extra wear and tear on tyres and mechanicals – not to mention the nerves – it makes it hard to recommend the diesel to any but the committed town dweller.

And as many Smarts are bought as cheap-to-run second cars and consequently do fewer miles, this also argues against the fuel savings of the dearer diesel – just buy the petrol version. The Smart range now has a proper boot, with roll-top parcel shelf and two-part opening. For light items, you simply lift the glass upper tailgate; if loading bulkier stuff, you then drop the main tailgate – it is the perfect shopping trolley.

Unfortunately, a 20cm/eight inch increase in length stops you parking nose or tail into the kerb – the car seems to jut out just too far for comfort – and prices start at nearly £8,680, which is more than enough for a decent four-seat city car like the Fiat Panda.



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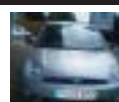
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The website is currently accommodating an additional 30,000 properties a week, up 45 per cent compared to a year ago, and its latest Consumer Confidence Survey indicates that home-mover sentiment is "faltering".

The number of unsold homes per estate agent jumped by almost 25 per cent in the first half of 2010, as a surge in new sellers outstripped new mortgage approvals.

Commercial director, Miles Shipside, said: "Estate agents are suffering from podgy portfolios, and buyers' fitness to purchase is in correspondingly poor shape."

"With agents beginning to choke on a surfeit of new stock, sellers are going to have to price at bargain levels and bullishly promote their properties in order to stand out from the crowd."

According to Mr Shipside, sellers who act quickly could still benefit from some of the price gains made in the last 18 months, but they must market their properties realistically from the outset.

New regulations could hit mortgage providers

THE introduction of new regulations to encourage responsible lending among mortgage providers is ill-timed, according to a leading industry body.

Responding to a consultation paper on the changes released by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), the Association of Mortgage Intermediaries (AMI) said it was concerned about the cumulative impact of the new rules.

AMI director Robert Sinclair explained: "Our main concern remains the timing of these changes and the further risk that we will make many families either property or mortgage prisoners."

"We are also concerned that we are seeing piece-meal introduction of the proposals, with aspects such as transitional arrangements not yet ready for consultation."

The proposals form part of a major review of the mortgage industry by the FSA, which is keen to impose affordability tests introduced for all mortgages to make the lender responsible for assessing a customer's ability to pay.



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Lending crisis blamed for new fall in prices

■ BY NICK AMES

HOUSE prices fell 0.5 per cent in July for the first time since February, data from Nationwide's monthly house price index has shown.

Nationwide said this was due to the low number of properties changing hands across the UK, which is still running at only half the levels seen prior to the financial crisis and recession.

Average UK house prices in July were £169,347. The annual change has slipped from June's figure of 8.7 per cent to 6.6 per cent.

Demand from homebuyers has made little progress in building upon the recovery seen during much of 2009.

Martin Gahbauer, chief executive at Nationwide, blamed this on a combination of restrictive credit conditions and uncertainty about the future economic outlook.

He said: "Many potential buyers still lack the confidence to purchase their first home or trade up when faced with uncertainty over future income and employment prospects."

Although Mr Gahbauer is encouraged by the strong economic growth seen in April to June of 1.1 per cent, he said concerns about the medium-term impact of fiscal austerity on personal finances outweighs any potential optimism.

He said: "It will take several months to establish whether house prices are now simply oscillating around a flat price trend or whether a period of downward trending prices may be in store."

Bank of England figures show that mortgage approvals fell more than expected in



June and overall lending slowed, offering further evidence that the housing market is running out of steam following price rises last year.

The bank said net mortgage lending growth slowed to £665m in June from May's £838m while mortgage approvals fell to 47,643 in June from 49,461 in May.

"This is the first time the annual rate has turned negative since April last year, but it is

likely to remain so in future months as comparison is made with a stronger market towards the end of last year," said Paul Samter of the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

"Remortgaging activity also remains at exceptionally subdued levels. The low demand is being driven both by the lack of demand among existing borrowers enjoying low rates, and tighter criteria that may be constraining borrowers who do wish to remortgage."

Don't be taken in by rogue traders offering 'good deals'

THE Office of Fair Trading is warning people that summer is peak time for rogue traders who offer home maintenance work on the doorstep.

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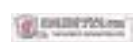
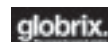
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CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent League Division One

Canterbury 1st XI v Hythe 1st XI

A CENTURY from Neil Kimberley set up a winning draw for Canterbury which all but ended any lingering fears of relegation.

Defeat to strugglers Hythe would have dragged Tim Wren's side into the dogfight near the foot of the table, but Saturday's result gives Canterbury a 34-point cushion over the bottom two with only four games remaining.

Damp conditions made batting difficult throughout the region and perhaps with that in mind Hythe opted to bowl first after winning the toss.

Luke Samarasinghe (18) was caught before he could make a significant contribution, but Canterbury then took control with a big second wicket partnership. Kimberley and Paul Steer batted superbly to put the home side into a winning position as Hythe's bowlers toiled.

Steer was eventually out for 89, but Kimberley went on to reach three figures before he fell for 121. The innings petered out late on, although Canterbury will have been happy with their 258 for 5.

Justin Macvicar rocked Hythe early in their reply by dismissing Lochan Blunden and Sam Butler. Wren also struck, dismissing James Watson for a duck, fuelling hopes of a swift victory.

The visitors doggedly rebuilt their innings through Christopher Maurice (28) and Tim Pichowski (34). It was apparent fairly early on they were unable to mount a serious run chase, reducing their ambitions to merely avoiding defeat.

Hythe hung on despite two wickets for Samarasinghe, but the result only deepened their relegation fears.

Canterbury visit second-place Blackheath this Saturday.

Kimberley century ends

Canterbury's drop fears



FRUSTRATED: Canterbury's bowlers were unable to finish off Hythe, but claimed a useful winning draw at the weekend

SCORE CARD

Canterbury 1st XI

	Runs
Neil Kimberley ct Watson b Pichowski	121
Luke Samarasinghe ct Butler b Blunden	18
Paul Steer ct Maurice b Pichowski	89
Daniel Dolman b Pichowski	1
Simon Smith ct Owen b Maurice	7
Justin Macvicar ct Maurice b Pichowski	7
Tim Wren not out	1
Phil Walker not out	5
Ben Cooper did not bat	
Shaun O'Shea did not bat	
Robert Marsh did not bat	
Extras (1lb 5w 3nb)	9
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)	258

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andrew Maurice	10	2	42	1
Patrick Owen	5	1	27	0
Lochan Blunden	8	0	47	1
Jago Pearson	10	1	45	0
Stefan Pichowski	12	0	61	4
James Watson	3	0	14	0
Tom Homewood	2	0	21	0

Hythe 1st XI

	Runs
Christopher Maurice ct Macvicar b O'Shea	28
Lochan Blunden ct Kimberley b Macvicar	4
Sam Butler ct Dolman b Macvicar	0
James Watson ct Marsh b Wren	0
Tim Pichowski ct Kimberley b Samarasinghe	34
Christopher Snee ct Kimberley b Samarasinghe	9
Andrew Maurice ct Samarasinghe b Wren	33
Jago Pearson not out	16
Patrick Owen run out (Wren)	10
Tom Homewood not out	4
Stefan Pichowski did not bat	
Extras (3b 1lb 6w 2nb)	12
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	150

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Justin Macvicar	9	4	28	2
Tim Wren	14	8	24	2
Shaun O'Shea	7	4	14	1
Robert Marsh	4	1	13	0
Luke Samarasinghe	2	2	47	2
Ben Cooper	4	1	12	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

2ND XI

Hartley Country Club 2nd XI v St Lawrence & Highland Court 2nd XI

ST LAWRENCE'S 2nd XI slipped up in the promotion race as they lost Hartley's second string by seven wickets.

The visitors were under pressure straight after being put into bat, with their openers departing cheaply. Sam Ireland's 25 proved to be the highest score as wickets continued to fall and they eventually stumbled to 93 all out in the 36th over.

Hartley easily knocked off the runs they needed inside only 17 overs, although Jack Balsdon took two wickets. The defeat saw St Lawrence in third place fall behind the top two, who both won.

St Lawrence & Highland Court 2nd XI

	Runs
Paul Reynolds	ct Hutson b Mitchell 0
Ben Page	ct Hutson b Weller 9
Sam Ireland	ct Hayes b Springett 25
Ali Holmes	ct Klus b Weller 2
Rohan Premnath	ct Hutson b Mitchell 9
Tom Shaw	run out (P Underwood) 2
Patrick Mitchell	ct S Underwood b Springett 0
Jack Balsdon	not out 8
Milo King	ct Hutson b Weller 11
Guy Hilton	(2b 1lb 7w 1nb) 16
Extras	(all out, 35.4 overs) 11
Total	93

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
John Mitchell	12	4	38	2
Sam Weller	9.4	3	16	3
Matthew Springett	6	1	9	2
Stuart Underwood	3	2	1	0
Ian Hayes	3	0	21	1
Patrick Underwood	2	0	5	0

Hartley Country Club 2nd XI

	Runs
Tom Carter	b Balsdon 21
Patrick Underwood	ct Page b Hilton 18
Nick Leviton	not out 18
Jack Hutson	ct Holmes b Balsdon 9
Justin Crouch	not out 16
Marc Klus	did not bat
Ian Hayes	did not bat
John Mitchell	did not bat
Matthew Springett	did not bat
Sam Weller	did not bat
Stuart Underwood	did not bat
Extras	(1lb 2w) 13
Total	(3 wickets, 16.5 overs) 95

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Sam Ireland	4	0	19	0
Patrick Mitchell	2	0	18	0
Guy Hilton	2	0	8	1
Jack Balsdon	4	0	18	2
Ben Page	2.5	0	14	0
Rohan Premnath	2	0	7	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Whitstable 1st XI v Blackheath 1st XI

WHITSTABLE'S game with Blackheath at the Belmont went to form as the home side slipped to an 83-run defeat.

Weather conditions favoured the bowlers and Blackheath were thankful to Paul Valkovics (37) and Ruel Brathwaite (30) for valuable runs in the tail. Josh Gould (5 for 39) was the pick of Whitstable's attack, which bowled out the visitors for 180.

The hosts made a steady start to their reply, but James Loader's dismissal triggered a collapse. In all seven wickets fell for just 22 runs as Blackheath wrapped up a straight-forward victory inside 28 overs.

Blackheath 1st XI

	Runs
Zobie Sharif	ct Loader b Lewis 20
Seb Slater	b Ainscough 16
Alex Senn	b Gould 14
Jack Ford	ct Draper b Lewis 16
Jahid Ahmed	lbw b Gould 13
Chris Willetts	lbw b Gould 2
Dipayan Paul	lbw b Gould 0
Paul Valkovics	ct Lewis b Campbell 37
James Hands	ct Campbell b Gould 30
Ruel Brathwaite	b Mills 5
Matt Shepherd	not out 8
Extras	(5b 3lb 7w 4nb) 19
Total	(all out, 47.2 overs) 180

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ben Trott	14	2	39	0
James Mills	6.2	2	19	1
Max Campbell	8	3	33	1
Amadon Ainscough	3	0	24	1
Josh Gould	13	2	39	5
Eliot Lewis	3	0	18	2

Whitstable 1st XI

	Runs
Max Campbell	ct Shepherd b Brathwaite 19
Jake Guinan	b Brathwaite 10
David Leaper	ct Shepherd b Ahmed 5
James Loader	c&b Hands 23
James Medhurst	b Ahmed 16
Byron Gould	ct Paul b Hands 4
Amadon Ainscough	ct Slater b Hands 0
James Mills	b Ahmed 0
Ben Trott	ct Shepherd b Ahmed 8
Eliot Lewis	b Ahmed 2
Josh Gould	not out 4
Extras	(1b 4lb 1nb) 6
Total	(all out, 27.3 overs) 97

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Ruel Brathwaite	7	0	27	2
Jahid Ahmed	13.3	2	46	5
Paul Valkovics	2	0	6	0
James Hands	5	1	13	3

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Chestfield 1st XI v Upchurch 1st XI

CHESTFIELD missed out on the chance to move off the bottom of the table as they lost to new leaders Upchurch by 70 runs.

The visitors' 275 for 8 was built on the back of a fourth wicket stand worth 135 between Theo Barnett (84) and Michael Hales junior (68). Stephen Lewis and Simon Buckingham both took three wickets for the hosts.

Paul Gibson led from the front in Chestfield's reply with a swashbuckling 69 from 58 deliveries. No one was able to quite follow his lead and despite a spirited effort they were all out well short.

Upchurch 1st XI

	Runs
Michael Hales	c&b Lewis 4
Andrew Shirley	ct Lock b Lewis 24
Adam Hodder	run out 12
Theo Barnett	ct Buckingham b Bennett 84
Michael Hales jnr	ct Santer b Lewis 68
Lee Taylor	lbw b Buckingham 40
Marc Bond	ct James b Buckingham 6
Daniel Parker	ct Lewis b Buckingham 0
Kevin Cunningham jnr	not out 4
Lee Stegney	did not bat
Craig Bewick	did not bat
Extras	(7b 5lb 20w 1nb) 33
Total	(8 wickets, 48 overs) 275

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Stephen Lewis	14	3	54	3
Arron Bennett	11	0	75	1
Simon Buckingham	13	2	65	3
Joshua Lock	7	0	48	0
Tom Winding	3	0	21	0

Chestfield 1st XI

	Runs
Joshua Lock	b Parker 11
Paul Gibson	ct Taylor b Bewick 69
Chris Watson	ct Bond b Bewick 12
Tom Winding	ct Shirley b Cunningham Jr 23
Shane Moody-Smith	ct Shirley b Cunningham Jr 26
Simon Buckingham	ct Cunningham Jr b Hodder 1
Daniel James	ct Bewick b Cunningham Jr 1
Arron Bennett	not out 27
Stephen Lewis	b Parker 1
Trevor Santer	ct Hales b Parker 0
Stephen Cox	ct Taylor b Barnett 5
Extras	(10b 6lb 11w 2nb) 29
Total	(all out, 46 overs) 205

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	10	1	38	3
Marc Bond	5	0	28	0
Craig Bewick	10	2	38	2
Michael Hales Jnr	3	0	31	0
Adam Hodder	10	0	33	1
Kevin Cunningham Jr	7	4	18	3
Theo Barnett	1	0	3	1

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER

Nonington 1st XI v Westgate-On-Sea 1st XI

NONINGTON remain on the fringes of the promotion race after a comfortable seven-wicket victory against Westgate-On-Sea.

The visitors were immediately in trouble as they were reduced to 9 for 3, but rebuilt with a terrific 130-run stand between Nick Sandwell (63) and Nick Naxter (57). Once they were dismissed the rest of the line-up followed quickly, with Daniel Birch taking 4 for 42.

The result was never in doubt once Nonington's openers had put on 84 for the first wicket. They reached their target in the 35th over to stay within reach of second place.

Westgate-On-Sea CC 1st XI

	Runs
Chris Flint	b Paton 5
Lewis Winch	ct J Burrett b Paton 2
Neil Watford	ct Coulson b Knowles 1
Nick Sandwell	b Birch 63
Nick Baxter	st Pilbeam b Tutton 57
Keith Sandwell	run out (Sadler) 9
Ross Heathcote	b Birch 0
Brian Andrews	b Birch 2
Richie Holden	ct Cole b Paton 5
Freddie Day-Shields	ct K Burrett b Birch 1
Nathan Presley	not out 0
Extras	(2b 4lb 12w) 18
Total	(all out, 42 overs) 163

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Rob Paton	11	3	32	3
Carl Knowles	8	4	23	1
Ross Griggs	3	0	16	0
Matt Sadler	3	0	13	0
Josh Tutton	9	1	31	1
Daniel Birch	8	0	42	4

Nonington 1st XI

	Runs
Matt Sadler	ct Holden b Andrews 35
Daniel Pilbeam	ct Watford b Andrews 48
Kieron Burrett	not out 36
Jamie Burrett	retired not out 11
Josh Cole	c&b Lewis Winch 9
Daniel Birch	not out 6
Josh Tutton	did not bat
Rob Paton	did not bat
Gary Coulson	did not bat
Ross Griggs	did not bat
Carl Knowles	did not bat
Extras	(2lb 11w 6nb) 19
Total	(3 wickets, 34.1 overs) 164

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Chris Flint	7	1	25	0
Ross Heathcote	10	0	46	0
Brian Andrews	6	0	40	2
Richie Holden	2	0	9	0
Nick Baxter	2	0	12	0
Lewis Winch	5	1	19	1
Nathan Presley	1.1	0	4	0
Neil Watford	1	0	7	0

Bandara puts Foxes in a spin to boost Kent hopes

CRICKET

BY YOURCANTERBURY REPORTER

MALINGA Bandara kept Kent Spitfires' faint hopes of progress in the Clydesdale Bank 40 alive with a five-wicket haul against Leicestershire Foxes on Sunday.

The Sri Lanka spinner took 5 for 35 to set up a comfortable eight-wicket victory at the St Lawrence Ground.

It kept Kent's chances of reaching the knockout stages intact, although they will need a near-perfect end to the campaign to reach the semi-finals.

After winning the toss the Foxes got away to a fast start, hitting 41 off the first four overs. Matt Coles made the first breakthrough, trapping Jacques du Toit leg before for 13, but it was Bandara's introduction which changed the game.

The leg spinner tore through the visitors' top and middle order en route to his best figures since joining the county. Martin van Jaarsveld took 3 for 23 to polish off the tail as Leicestershire were knocked over for 148.

Rob Key (26) and Joe Denly (39) got the Spitfires away to a good start in their reply.

Van Jaarsveld then took over, hitting an unbeaten 56 off 54 balls to propel the hosts to victory in the 27th over, assisted by

Geraint Jones' 25.

All-rounder Azhar Mahmood was rested for the game in a move which is likely to be repeated as Kent look to keep him fresh for the remainder of the championship season.

The 35-year-old is contracted to play limited overs cricket for Kent and plays in the LV= County Championship on a 'pay as you play' deal. He featured for the county just three times in the championship before the 99-run win against Essex earlier this month but his display in that game, in which he recorded match figures of 8 for 109, prompted the club to ask him to play in the draw against Somerset last week.

With Kent in a battle to stay in Division One, remaining in the championship's top tier is the priority and that could mean resting Mahmood, arguably the club's best bowler, for one-day games to ensure he is fit and ready to play in the championship.

Head coach Paul Farbrace said: "We definitely want to keep him fresh for the championship games now as it takes on such a big relevance for the last six weeks of the season, and we want to get as many games out of him as we can."

"Even as we have a 10-day break it's not going to be easy, there is a chance he may not figure in a couple of games after that. If we can get one or two more games out of him we'd have done well in championship cricket."

Kent are not in action again until next Wednesday, when Lancashire visit in the LV= County Championship.



HIGH FIVE: Malinga Bandara produced his best display as Kent beat Leicestershire on Sunday keeping progress hopes alive

Picture ADY KERRY

FOOTBALL



Picture IOR KUPPO

DEFEAT: Jake Gess came close, but Herne Bay lost

Cassius exposes Bay's feet of clay

Herne Bay 1 Erith & Belvedere 2

THE Kent League season began with a stutter at Winch's Field as Herne Bay defensive errors allowed Erith & Belvedere to take all three points.

The prolific Marcus Cassius helped himself to two goals and although Stuart King pulled one back, the home side could not complete the comeback. Bay boss Simon Halsey found few faults with the overall performance, apart from the mistakes which led to the visitors' two goals.

He said: "We did all right, I'm just disappointed in the manner we lost. If I lose to a good side I'll be the first to say so, but we were beaten by two stupid errors. When they have Cassius up front, you can't give him the sort of chances we did."

Halsey handed debuts to summer signings Jimmy Corbett, Tom Bryant and John Ralph and it took a while for Bay to find their rhythm. When they did it led to the best attack of the match midway through the first half, as a flowing move ended with Jake Gess firing just wide.

Cassius made the most of an error from goalkeeper Dan Eason to open the scoring on 56 minutes and doubled the lead when he beat three players to tap home ten minutes later. King scored from a free-kick four minutes from time, but despite a shout for a penalty Bay could not find an equaliser.

Bay now turn their attention to the FA Cup, with a trip to Hampshire on Saturday to play Alresford Town. While the league title is the priority this season, Halsey has the resources to attempt a decent cup run.

He said: "I want to do well in every competition we go into and we have a big enough squad to deal with it."

Picture IOR KUPPO

Seymour's World Cup call-up for England

HOCKEY

NATALIE Seymour will head to Argentina later this month after being included in England's squad for the Women's Hockey World Cup.

The 23-year-old, who plays her club hockey for Canterbury ladies, is part of the 18-strong squad travelling to Rosario for the tournament, which is second only in importance to the Olympics.

It will be a first World Cup appearance for Seymour, who featured in every game at last month's Champions Trophy, where England finished third to claim their first medal at the event.

The country has never finished on the podium at the World Cup, with a best ever finish of fourth in 1990.

Danny Kerry, England women's head coach, said: "The World Cup in Rosario will, I believe, be a real highlight in all our hockey careers."

"The passion and enthusiasm of the crowds in Argentina is a sight to behold and we all look forward to the fervour of the event."

"I am sure this will prove invaluable experience to those striving for a place in the Great Britain team for the London 2012



Picture ADY KERRY

WORLD CUP DEBUT: Natalie Seymour will travel to Argentina with England

Olympic Games." England begin their campaign against Spain on August 29.

Oystermen's boss is now spoilt for choice

FOOTBALL

AFTER two more additions last week Whitstable Town's squad for the new season is now complete, according to manager Mark Lane.

Former Whitstable youngsters Louis Smith and Craig White have signed up after spending last season at Margate and Redbridge respectively.

Like several of Town's summer signings the pair can play in a variety of positions, with Smith happy at full-back or centre-half, while White can play in the back four and midfield.

The recruitment takes Whitstable's squad to 22 players, giving Lane plenty of options.

He said: "I think that's it in terms of signings. I can only pick a squad of 16 for match days, so there will be five or six asked to play for the reserves on the first day of the season."

"It depends on attitudes. Some may not like that and look for another club, it's just a question of us putting our best 16 out and see where we go from there."

Whitstable had a good week in pre-season, starting with victory in the Bruce Smith Shield against Herne Bay last Tuesday. With the sides level at 1-1,



Picture IOR KUPPO

PROMISING: Whitstable's Gary Sayer in action during the win against Margate

Whitstable won the resulting penalty shoot-out to lift the annual trophy for the first time.

On Saturday the side produced their best friendly result so far to beat Margate 3-2.

Dan Wisker, Jon Neal and Ian Hossick were all on target.

The Oystermen hosted Maidstone United last night. Their pre-season schedule is completed this Saturday when Folkestone Invicta visit the Belmont.

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